

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2232
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2004
SCHEDULED TRIBE STATUS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request for awarding status of Scheduled Tribe to the `Bavaria` community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Hon`ble Punjab and Haryana High Court decided to award the status of Scheduled Tribe to the `Bavaria` community in year 1982;
- (d) if so, the reasons of delay in awarding the status of Scheduled Tribe to `Bavaria` community despite recommendation of many Commissions/Committees in this regard; and
- (e) the fresh steps taken by the Government for social and educational development of `Bavaria` community by awarding the status of Scheduled Tribe?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

- (a), (b) & (c) Yes Sir, as per the direction of Hon`ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, the Government of Punjab has submitted a proposal for inclusion of six communities including `Bauria` in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Punjab. However, there is no community like `Bavaria` mentioned in the proposal.
- (d) & (e) the proposal has been processed as per the approved modalities.